# ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE



# Economic challenges of the 2020s

15 November 2019 Charlemagne building, room Roy Jenkins Brussels



# **PROGRAMME**

#### 09:15 Welcome and introduction to the conference

Paolo Gentiloni (Commissioner-designate)

# 09:30 Distinguished ECFIN Lecture

Paul Collier (Oxford)
The Future of Capitalism

General discussion

11:00 Coffee break

### 11:30 Session I: Market structures and income distribution

Pure rents and the profit share, market power concentration, rates of return, inequality of income and wealth, skills/digital divide, institutions and regulations

Chair: Mary Veronica Tovsak Pleterski (DG ECFIN) Lead speaker: *Thomas Philippon (New York)* 

Discussion panel: Carlo Altomonte (Bocconi), Chiara Criscuolo (OECD), Jens Suedekum (DICE)

13:00 | Lunch break

#### 14:00 Session II: Future-proofing fiscal policies

Demographics, productivity and investment, safe assets, public investment needs and the costs of debt, Musgrave<sup>+</sup> assignments in going grey, green and digital

Chair: Declan Costello (DG ECFIN)

Lead speaker: Olivier Blanchard (PIIE, Washington)

Discussion panel: Roel Beetsma (Amsterdam), Margit Schratzenstaller (Vienna),

Volker Wieland (Frankfurt)

15:30 Coffee break

### 16:00 Panel: Europe's role in a changing global economy

The future of multilateralism in the world economy, reshuffling of economic gravity centres, competition and taxation issues, role of the euro, EU homework assignments

Chair: Marco Buti, DG ECFIN

Panellists: Laurence Boone (OECD), Philip Lane (ECB), Klaus Regling (ESM), Beatrice Weder di Mauro (CEPR)

General discussion

## 17:30 Close of conference

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